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## CARRANZA ENVOY BEARS MESSAGE

Surprised That Peace Negotiations Continue With Constitutionalists Unrepresented.

### MEDIATORS ACCEPT NOTE

Head of Rebels Reiterates Desire for Discussion Only of International Questions.

Niagara Falls, Ontario, May 29.—Consideration of an agreement between the Huerta government and the United States was interrupted temporarily today when Juan F. Urquidí, a representative of General Carranza, laid before the South American envoys a note expressing surprise that the mediation negotiations were continuing with the Constitutionalists unrepresented. After a long debate the mediators decided not to permit Urquidí to present the communication. Then after a conference with the American delegates, the mediators admitted the Carranza emissary. The following statement was issued by the envoys:

"The mediators have received a communication from a representative of General Carranza, the tenor of which differs entirely from the version contained in a news dispatch this morning from Durango, and does not disturb the course of the negotiations."

Whether answer will be made to General Carranza or his representative in Washington is not known outside of the diplomatic channels. The mediators refused to answer questions on the subject. Attached, however, reiterated that the proceedings could be reopened with a Constitutional present only if General Carranza agreed to a suspension of hostilities.

### URQUIDI EMBARRASSED

IN DELIVERING NOTE  
Mr. Urquidí met with considerable embarrassment in delivering his message. When he went to the mediation chamber, word came back that the mediators were busy. He waited an hour and then sent up a note saying he did not come to discuss issues but merely to deliver a message. The mediators then received him and questioned him about the contents of the note. He was asked particularly if it was as represented in a news dispatch from Durango. He replied that he doubted the propriety of receiving Urquidí, and finally told him to return at 5 o'clock.

During the afternoon the mediators conferred among themselves. The word was passed around generally that the communication would not be accepted. Finally the American delegates came to the Canadian side. They talked for several hours, then Urquidí was summoned. Minister Naon accented the note on behalf of the envoys, and Mr. Urquidí was dismissed.

The document was signed by Rafael Zubarran Capmany, Minister of the Interior in the Constitutional Cabinet who is in Washington. It was written on exhibit by the envoys. The original instructions to the minister are contained in the message published from Durango today.

### ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS

IN MESSAGE FROM DURANGO  
"Six days ago conferences began to treat the international conflict between the United States and Mexico, occasioned by the arrest of several sailors by soldiers of Huerta at Tampico. To solve this conflict you offered to the government of the United States to Huerta and to the United States to Huerta to appoint delegates who would represent the general headquarters of the Constitutional army which is under my orders."

"I answered you that principle I would accept your good offices and, later, in a separate message, I asked the points which would be dealt with in the peace conference. Awaiting an answer to my dispatch, I have not named delegates."

"I am surprised that you have continued to treat for a solution of the conflict between the United States and Mexico, without the participation of the Constitutional army, which is under my orders and represents the largest armed force of the republic."

"For this reason, I state to you that I believe the conflict between the United States and Mexico ought not to be solved in future conference unless in these conferences there is represented the general headquarters of the Constitutional army."

### WILLING TO DISCUSS

INTERNATIONAL QUESTION  
The note Urquidí delivered reiterates General Carranza's position that he always has been willing to send representatives to discuss international questions.

It was suggested in some quarters to-night that the United States might not be approved by the United States until the Constitutionalists were brought within the scope of the mediation program.

The arrival of the Carranza emissary was regarded with evident satisfaction by the American delegates. They are understood to be anxious that negotiations be reopened to admit Carranza delegates to the mediation conference.

Progress on the agreement between the United States and the Huerta government was slow to-day.

### BILL CARRIES \$53,500,000

Rivers and Harbors Measure to be Reported Next Week  
Washington, May 29.—Work on the rivers and harbors bill was completed to-day by the Senate Commerce Committee and the measure will be reported next week. The bill contains provisions aggregating \$53,500,000. This is an increase of about \$10,000,000 over the total of the bill introduced last year.

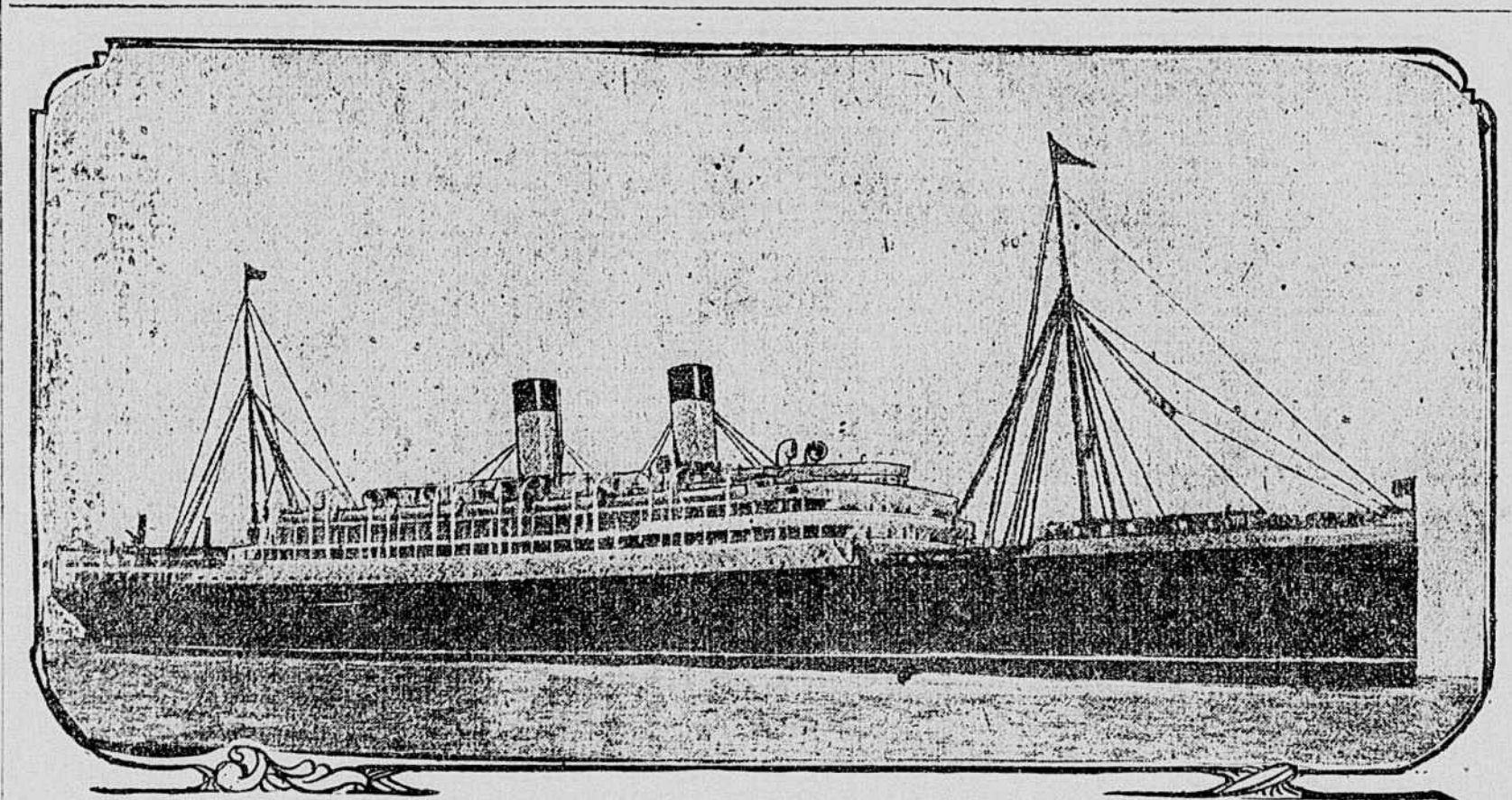
The Senate committee cut out several million needed for the bill and reduced others, but added many new ones.

The committee increasing the following House items:  
Chesapeake and Delaware Canal to \$2,250,000; Tennessee River to \$250,000; Mississippi River to \$8,000,000; Delaware River to \$2,000,000; Harbor of Refuge, Cape Lookout, N. C., to \$1,826,000.

The committee cut down the House item of \$500,000 for the waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort, N. C., to \$500,000, and that for Galveston channel from \$1,185,000 to \$100,000.

Six Miners Killed  
Tamaqua, Pa., May 29.—Six miners were killed and two badly injured at the Mary Colliery late to-day when a cage in which they were riding to the surface plunged 700 feet to the bottom of the shaft.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC LINER EMPRESS OF IRELAND SINKS IN RIVER AFTER COLLISION, CARRYING DOWN MORE THAN 900 PASSENGERS AND CREW



STEAMER SUNK AS RESULT OF COLLISION WITH COLLIER.

### OBJECTS TO MEDIATORS IGNORING CARRANZA

President Takes Positive Position That Communication Should Be Received.

### NATURE OF NOTE NOT REVEALED

Officials Believe Its Acceptance Will Lead to Constitutional Participation in Peace Proceedings.

Washington, May 29.—Mexican mediation was discussed at the Cabinet meeting to-day, and the administration took a positive position that the communication forwarded to the mediators at Niagara Falls by General Carranza, chief of the Constitutional forces, should be received.

President Wilson announced to the Cabinet that General Carranza had addressed a note to the mediation conference seeking representation. Details of the Carranza message were not discussed, but it later was declared that the administration took the view that the Constitutional chief should not be ignored.

While the Cabinet was in session, word came from Niagara Falls that the American representatives at the mediation conference would not be made public until the mediators had passed on its contents. Secretary Bryan, after being informed of the mediators' decision, conferred with C. A. Douglass, an attorney representing Carranza, and John Lind, Douglass and Lind have been negotiating with Carranza's representatives and the Secretary of State for several days, and the sending of Carranza's communication was a result of these deliberations, it was said.

Secretary Bryan to-day said the Navy Department was seeking to get more information concerning the reported landing of arms by the German steamers Ypiranga and Bavaria. He also discussed with the Japanese ambassador unofficial reports that Japanese vessels had delivered arms at Mexican West Coast ports.

With relation to the German shipments, it developed that the United States may be called on to pay compensation for delay in delivery of the Ypiranga's cargo. Claims for demurrage date back to the actual seizure of Vera Cruz. The American government is understood to have suggested its willingness to relieve the shippers of financial loss through delay in delivery.

Of the reported shipments landed on the West Coast, the Japanese ambassador assured Secretary Bryan that he had no knowledge.

### REBELS OFFER TO SETTLE

WITH SPANISH OWNERS  
General Carranza's offer to settle with the Spanish owners of about \$20,000,000 worth of cotton confiscated at Terreon and vicinity cleared a difficult diplomatic problem. To nine of the principal cotton producers, General Carranza offered to release their cotton on payment of a war tax of \$15 a bale, instead of the \$20 for which he had been holding out. Other Spanish growers may obtain the release of their cotton on the same terms by demonstrating that they have taken a neutral stand during the revolution, and have not assisted the Federal cause.

It was announced during the day that Senor Blanquet, Minister of War in the Huerta Cabinet, at the request of the Brazilian minister, had promised to take immediate steps to obtain information regarding the case of Private Parks and Garcia Muro, the Filipino servant of Captain Rice, who disappeared outside the line at Vera Cruz.

### WHY NOT YORK RIVER LINE

To Baltimore this midsummer weather? New steamers. Incomparable service.

### ELAM ACQUITTED OF MURDER

Jury Returns Verdict After Two and a Half Hours' Deliberation.  
Kansas City, May 29.—"Not guilty" was the verdict a jury returned today in the case of Dr. W. T. Elam, a prominent physician of St. Joseph, Mo., charged with the murder of W. Fulton Cramer, a Chicago magazine editor, in a hotel here on November 13 last.

The jury deliberated two and a half hours. Cramer was killed last November in his room in a Kansas City hotel, where he and Dr. Elam had come to discuss Cramer's relations with Mrs. Elam, during a scuffle which Elam says was started by Cramer.

### THREE EAST TRAINS

To Norfolk via C. & O., 9 A. M., 12:35 noon, 4 P. M.

### STEFANSSON FLAGSHIP CRUSHED IN ICE AND SUNK

Entire White Crew, With Exception of Captain, Safe on Wrangell Island.

### WITH PLENTY OF WOOD AND FOOD

Bartlett Makes Way to Whaler Bay, Siberia—He Is Taken on Board Vessel and Carried to St. Michael.

Nome, Alaska, May 29.—The 320 tons wooden steamer whaler Karluk, flagship of the Canadian government's Arctic exploring expedition, under command of Vilhjalmur Stefansson was crushed in the ice and sunk on January 15, near Herald Island, northeast of Siberia. The entire white crew, except Captain Robert L. Bartlett, is on Wrangell Island, with plenty of food and wood.

Captain Bartlett made his way across the ice to North Cape, Siberia, and then proceeded overland to Whaler Bay, Siberia, where he was taken on board the whaler Herman, and carried to St. Michael. Information of the Karluk's fate came by cable from St. Michael.

The mouth of the Yukon and the roadstead at Nome are free of ice already, and it is said the Herman will go to the relief of the Karluk's crew as soon as she can get through Behring Straits.

### WIRELESS TELLS OF FATE

### OF STEFANSSON FLAGSHIP

San Francisco, Cal., May 29.—The following wireless message, describing the fate of the Karluk was received here to-day by H. Liebs & Co. from Captain C. T. Pederson, of the whaling steamer Herman:

"I brought Captain Bartlett from Siberia coast. Karluk was crushed by Herald Island last January. Crew camped Wrangell Island."

The message was sent from St. Michael, south of Behring Straits, on the Alaskan coast. The Herman picked up Captain Bartlett on the Siberian coast nearly opposite St. Michael.

Liebs & Co. gave out the information that the Herman will cross back to the Siberian coast and following the coast line break her way through the straits in an effort to reach the marooned crew of the Karluk on Wrangell Island late in July.

### POLYGAMY ABANDONED

### Utah Senator Denies It Has Been Practiced for Many Years

Washington, May 29.—A petition from citizens of West Durham, N. C., protesting against the reported existence of polygamy in Utah was read in the Senate to-day by Senator Sutherland. It drew from Senator Sutherland a denial that the Mormons of his State practiced plural marriage. "Polygamy," said Senator Sutherland, "has been absolutely abandoned in Utah and has not been practiced for many years. There are still some old people who entered that relation many years ago, but I am sure that if the question were submitted to a vote of the Mormon people they would never decide to return to polygamy."

### TO BE HELD AT AUGUSTA

### Manoeuvre Camp of Instruction Opens July 10 and Closes August 12

July 10 and August 12.—The camp of instruction for organized militia forces of the ninth division, comprising the States of North and South Carolina, Florida and Georgia, will be held at Augusta, Ga., from July 10 to August 12, according to a circular communication received today from headquarters of the Eastern Department at Governor Blease's office.

Adjutant-General Moore stated that he was unable to say whether or not the States of North and South Carolina militia to participate.

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### POSTMASTER-GENERAL DENIES HE IS TO BLAME

Awaits Recommendations From Virginia Senators Before Making Nominations in Ninth.

### ACTED ON THEIR ADVICE BEFORE

Burleson States Positively He Is Ready to Take Matters Up Whenever Martin and Swanson Get Ready.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Washington, May 29.—Postmaster-General Albert S. Burleson flatly declines to accept the blame for the delay of over a year in appointing Democratic officers to postmasters in the Ninth Virginia District to succeed a number of holdover Republicans. In an exclusive interview to-day with the correspondent of The Times-Dispatch Burleson stated that he has nominated four of the five postmasters in the case of Oney and in the Wytheville case himself nominated A. B. Buchanan, who was already acting as postmaster, having been appointed by the bondsmen of the former postmaster, who resigned. He is still serving out his term. "I have already nominated four of the five men recommended by the Virginia Senators for postmasters in the Ninth District," said Mr. Burleson, "and am awaiting their recommendations to take action in the other vacancies existing in the district."

"At first the Senators recommended two postmasters—C. N. Oney, at Tazewell, and J. B. Boyer, at Wytheville. I accepted their recommendation in the case of Oney, and in the Wytheville case myself nominated A. B. Buchanan, who was already acting as postmaster, having been appointed by the bondsmen of the former postmaster, who resigned. He is still serving out his term. "I have already nominated four of the five men recommended by the Virginia Senators for postmasters in the Ninth District," said Mr. Burleson, "and am awaiting their recommendations to take action in the other vacancies existing in the district."

### NOMINATED THREE MEN

### INDORSED BY SENATORS

"Since that time when the Senators recommended the appointment of three other postmasters, and I have nominated all three of them. These men were J. M. Minnich, at Gate City; J. D. Askew, at Pulaski; and C. H. Willoughby, at Jonesville."

"But," suggested The Times-Dispatch correspondent, "the Senators state that they declined to accept their recommendations without question they have filed no written recommendations with you."

"Formerly written or not, they recommended in writing or personally the three other men whom I nominated, and the records of this office will bear me out in that statement. The other man nominated in the Ninth District was W. H. Lipp, whom I nominated myself. I advised the Senators that I intended to appoint Lipp, and they stated that while they were not for him they would not oppose his nomination."

"I have not refused to accept the recommendations of the Virginia Senators, but, on the contrary, have written them, advising them that vacancies exist and that I would be willing to receive advice from them before filling the offices. This action I have taken in the case of every vacancy in the Ninth District, but up to this time have received no recommendations from them other than the five mentioned, and in four of the five cases I followed their recommendations."

### READY TO ACT AT ONCE

### WHEN SENATORS ARE READY

"Yes, you may state positively for me that whenever the Senators get ready to make recommendations for these vacancies I will take these matters up at once and make nominations just as soon as possible."

Several days ago Congressman Glass made public a letter he had written to Robert F. Bruce, of the Ninth District, denying responsibility for any delay in Ninth District appointments. He stated that he had not taken the initiative in any Ninth District appointments, but had simply turned over to the Post-Office Department letters, endorsements and recommendations, which had been sent to him by Ninth District Democrats.

Two days later Senators Martin and Swanson, in an interview with The Times-Dispatch correspondent, also denied responsibility. They declared they were willing to recommend postmasters whenever Postmaster-General Burleson assured them their recommendations were wanted and would be followed.

### TO BALTIMORE-YORK RIVER LINE

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### RICHMOND GRAYS' ARMORY SCENE OF BRILLIANT BALL

Dress Parade Marks Formal Opening of Handsome New Building.

### BATTALION IN NEW UNIFORMS

Medals Are Presented to Best Drilled Men—Visitors Congratulate Major Lawrence T. Price.

With one of the most brilliant military balls in the history of the city, the Richmond Grays' Battalion, First Virginia Infantry, last night celebrated the formal opening of its new armory. The spacious building, at the corner of Seventh and Marshall Streets, was thronged with the thousands of guests, many from distant cities, who gathered to help the organization fittingly dedicate its handsome home.

Fully 3,000 persons were present when the steady tramp of the approaching companies was heard on the stairs leading to the huge drill hall. As the battalion, company by company filed into the room and took position, the audience stood and cheered the brave show by the boys who again wear the gray.

The big drill hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion, the huge iron girder supporting the roof, and the walls being hidden beneath a mass of bunting, in which the national colors predominated. The balconies were festooned with brilliant red and orange drapery, while from every point, festoons and garlands, formed of flags and bunting, helped to enliven the scene.

Almost every man present was in full dress uniform or in conventional evening clothes. The bright clothing of the military men, blended with the handsome, gay gowns of the women, as well as the home of better than the civilians, and when the hundreds of couples swayed around in the many modern dances, the scene can only be described as a kaleidoscopic mass of color.

### LOVING CUP FOR

### BEST DRILLED COMPANY

The festivities opened with the full dress battalion drill, followed by the presentation of a silver loving cup to the most efficient company in the outfit. The premium was offered by Major Lawrence T. Price, and the trophy, as well as the honor of being thus chosen, fell to Company B, commanded by Captain William A. Stack. The presentation was made by Adjutant-General William Wilson Sale and Mrs. Sale, Mayor George Ansie and Mrs. Ansie, Colonel W. J. Perry, of the First Virginia Regiment, and Mrs. Perry; Colonel Robert F. Leedy, of the Second Virginia Regiment, and Mrs. Leedy; Colonel E. E. Goodwyn, of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, and Mrs. Goodwyn; Lieutenant Colonel J. M. Lynch, surgeon-general, Virginia Volunteers, and Mrs. Lynch; Captain C. A. Crawford, president of the First Virginia Regiment Association, and Mrs. Crawford; James N. Boyd and Mrs. Boyd; Lieutenant Colonel J. Lane Stern, assistant inspector-general, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Williams, and Major and Mrs. Lawrence T. Price.

A new era has been started by the Richmond Grays upon the entrance of the battalion into its new quarters. For several years it has been homeless, but at last the local contingent of the "Old First" has come into its own, and can boast of an armory unsurpassed by any in the South. The building was erected by the city at a cost of \$130,000, and the site, equipment and structure represent an outlay of nearly \$250,000.

### NEW UNIFORMS OF

### CONFEDERATE GRAY

Coincident with the occupancy of the new building, the battalion has blossomed forth in its handsome new outfits of Confederate gray, trimmed with black and white. While quiet in tone

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Steamer Rammed Amidships, in Upper Reaches of the St. Lawrence, by Danish Collier Storstad as She Is Lying To, Waiting for Fog to Lift or Day to Break.

GOES TO BOTTOM WITHIN 15 MINUTES AFTER CRASH AND IN SIGHT OF SHORE

Hurried S. O. S. Appeal Is Immediately Answered, but Before Rescue Boats Can Reach Stricken Vessel It Goes Down, the Few Lifeboats and Rafts Buoying Up Less Than a Third of Those Who Set Sail on Her—Many Crushed to Death by Impact of Collision and Others Drowned in Ice-Chilled Waters When They Loose Hold on Wreckage—In Brief Space of Time There Is No Chance for Marshaling of Persons on Board, Everything Indicating That Hundreds Never Reached Decks.

### Latest Tragedy of the Sea

Empress of Ireland, Canadian Pacific liner, sinks in St. Lawrence River, after being rammed by the Danish collier Storstad.

Number of persons on board.....1,387  
Number of persons rescued..... 433  
Number of persons drowned..... 954

Rimouski, Que., May 29.—Sinking in ninety feet of water, within fifteen minutes after being rammed amidships, in the upper reaches of the St. Lawrence River early to-day, the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland carried down with her more than 900 of her passengers and crew. Of the 1,387 persons on board the liner, only 433 are known to have been saved, making the probable death list 954.

Of the eighty-seven first-cabin passengers, the late figures show twenty-nine to have been saved. Of the 153 in the second cabin twenty-nine were rescued. Of the 715 third-class passengers there are 101 survivors, while 237 of the crew of 432 were brought ashore.

These figures account for the 396 survivors landed here and taken by train to Quebec. The remained here thirty-seven rescued persons, unclassified, completing the total of 433 known survivors.

Looming up through the river mists, as the Empress of Ireland was lying to, waiting for the fog to lift or day to break, the Danish collier Storstad crashed bow on into the big Canadian liner, striking her about midway of her length, and ripping her side open clear to the stern.

The crash occurred not far from the shore, off Father Point, 160 miles from Quebec, which the Empress of Ireland left yesterday afternoon bound for Liverpool, and ten miles from this point on the St. Lawrence. In reality, therefore, although the liner was heading for the sea and the collier coming in from it, the disaster was not one of the ocean, but of the river. Unlike the Titanic's victims, the Empress of Ireland's lost their lives within sight of shore—in land-locked waters.

### Wireless "S. O. S." Call Is Sounded.

Immediately the ship's crew recovered from the shock of the collision, and it was seen that the liner had received a vital blow, a wireless "S. O. S." call was sounded.

The hurried appeal was picked up by the government mail tender Lady Evelyn here, and the government pilot-boat Eureka at Father Point, and both set out to the rescue. So deep was the hurt of the Empress, however, could reach the scene of the disaster before the rescue boats could get to the scene of the disaster. Few women were among the saved, not more than a dozen, the lists make it appear.

"It all happened so quickly we really didn't know what was going on, and nobody had to cry 'women first,'" one of the passengers told Captain Bellinger, of the rescue boat Eureka.

"The stewards did not have time to rouse the people from their berths," the survivor added. "Those who heard the frenzied calls of the officers for the passengers to hurry on deck, and rushed up, piled into the boats, which were rapidly lowered and rowed away."

"Many who waited to dress were drowned." The horror of the interval during the time the Empress was filling and the frightened throngs on board her were hurrying every effort to escape before she sank, was added to by an explosion which quickly followed the rescue, the explosion, probably caused by the water reaching the boilers, bulged the liner's sides and catapulted persons from her decks out into the sea. The ship's heavy list, as water pouring in weighted her on the side she was struck, made the work of launching boats increasingly difficult, and when she finally took her plunge to the bottom scores still left on her decks were carried down, only a few being able to clear her sides and find support on wreckage.

### Captain Bears Himself Like True Sailor.

From all accounts, Captain H. G. Kendall, of the Empress of Ireland, bore himself like a true sailor. He retained such command of the situation, it appears that while the Storstad's stem still hung in the gash it had made in the Empress's side, Captain Kendall begged the master of the collier to keep his propellers going, so that the hole might remain plugged. The Storstad, however, dropped back, and the Empress filled and foundered.

Captain Kendall stood on his bridge as the ship went down. A boat picked him up, and he directed its work of saving others until the craft was loaded. The captain was injured and suffered from exposure, but his hurts are not dangerous.

When day broke, the rescue boats had not returned from the scene of the wreck.

People standing on shore at Father Point scanning the harbor with telescopes saw the rescue steamers picking up boats in the river, and prepared to give help to the survivors. They were sorely in need of aid, as most of them had on little clothing, and the temperature was near the freezing point. When they had been given attention, the work of recovering bodies was undertaken. The rescue steamers themselves had brought in nearly fifty of these, and to-night, after they had continued their search, a total of about 250 bodies had been recovered. One woman and four men, still living, but unconscious, were picked up by the steamers during the day. Few of the bodies had been identified to-night.

The wireless is given credit for saving many lives. Responding promptly to the "S. O. S." call, the steamer Eureka was on the spot approximately twenty minutes after the disaster, and the Lady Evelyn but little later.

### Train of Survivors Reaches Quebec.

Quebec, May 29.—A train with 396 survivors from the sunken steamer Empress of Ireland reached here shortly before 8 o'clock to-night. The

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